

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21209

The purpose of this legislation is to allow counties to adopt nuisance weed ordinances that allow for the abatement of those nuisance weeds if the property owners refuse to take action. Currently, counties have the authority adopt ordinances regarding all types of nuisances that affect the public health, welfare and safety of its citizens but have to bring suit to force a landowner to come into compliance with county ordinance. With the dangerous and dry condition of nuisance weeds in the summer months, there is not time to go through a lengthy process and abate a serious fire hazard in a timely manner. The current economy has left many large parcels of land that were once used for agriculture to fallow and be overcome with nuisance weeds without a property owner willing to abate the same. Cities currently enjoy the right to abate all nuisances in this manner.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact to the General fund.

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